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NOTE TO: Graham Fuller  
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FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

1. I have read your article and regret to say that I think you should not publish it. As I read it against the backdrop of all your memos and notes you have sent to the Director, it is, in fact, a reflection of the views and priorities of the senior substantive advisor on Middle Eastern affairs to the Director of Central Intelligence. It would be impossible for any reader to assume that your official views are anything other than those publicly stated here. I would have problems with this article even if it were submitted by a very junior analyst; authorship by someone of your position and prominence lends an authority to the views that I think unwise to publicize. (C)

2. I certainly have no problem with your expressing these views in briefings and talks such as you gave at the War College but, as we discussed, I think their publication is unwise. (C)



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